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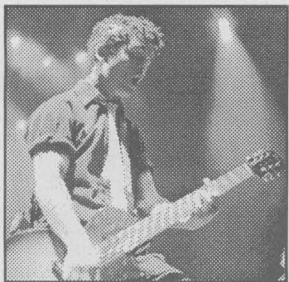
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Club Central hosts debate

Ryan McMichael, unopposed candidate for executive vice president, responds to a question from Scott Drummond (foreground), assistant director for campus life, at Tuesday night's debate at Club Central. Few were in attendance but opportunities remain to hear the candidates platforms. The next event will be a forum for the candidates at noon, Tuesday, May 14 in the SUB Pit. The following night, the last forum will be held at 6 p.m. in the Barto Lounge.

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BOD election is next week

Candidates debate key issues Tuesday

by Emily Bonden
Staff reporter

Roughly 650 people voted in last Thursday's primary election for the Associated Students of Central Washington University (ASCWU), far surpassing last year's voting numbers.

"We are very optimistic because we had such a good turnout in the primaries," Kristal Brown, election commission chair.

The primary serves only to narrow each position to two candidates, which will then be voted on at the May 16 election.

For presidential candidate, Owens Barrios, and VP for student life and facilities candidate, Allison Worrel, the race was cut short when they didn't receive enough votes to move on to the general election.

"I'm confident that the two remaining candidates are both completely qualified for the position," Worrel said.

Both Megan Fuhlman and Shawn Findley advanced in the race for V.P for student life and facilities receiving 43.3 percent and 32.2 percent of the votes respectively.

Findley was seen passing out pixie sticks with his name attached as a tactic to get some votes Thursday.

Presidential candidates Nate Harris and David Hoffman received 50.3 percent and 33.1 percent of the votes respectively.

"I feel as though honestly I am the most qualified and experienced candidate, otherwise I truly would not be running," Harris said. "I don't believe necessarily that my candidacy has much to do with me marketing myself as much as it has to do with my obligation to service."

The next step for the candidates for all positions is to prepare for the general election.

More debates and forums are scheduled, but strategy and marketing also play a role in making the candidates memorable.

Each individual is allotted \$150 to spend on campaigning. Those who ran and advanced in the primaries are allowed an extra \$50 to continue their campaign. Two hundred dollars worth of paper, treats

and pencils can be very persuasive.

BOD president Dustin Stahl shared a few tips for a winning campaign if any candidates are at a loss for ideas. His list included bigger posters, listening to students no matter how absurd their ideas, being available, reminding friends when to vote, having a team on hand at every polling site and of course "you gotta get candy."

Another key ingredient to success is having connections and knowing people across campus. Working and living in residence halls has helped many candidates collect votes.

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best reason for selection; it's about the people you know," Fuhlman said.

Some candidates haven't given much thought to campaigning so far. Only three of the seven BOD positions will be voted on in the general elections. The positions for executive VP, VP for clubs and organizations, VP for academic affairs and VP for equity and community service each hold one candidate.

"It's too bad that there are so many positions unopposed. It's the same people always being involved with student government," David Uberti, candidate for VP for academic affairs, said.

Although victory is assured for those candidates, each is busy serving students in various offices and

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Emerging technology spawns major

by Andrew Patrick
Staff reporter

Our reliance on computers and their accompanying technology hasn't yet resulted in the cataclysmic demise of the human race as depicted in James Cameron's movie, "The Terminator". Instead, curriculums have been changed, computers have been incorporated into every class

and the Department of Information Technology and Administrative Management will offer a new degree fall quarter.

The information technology (IT) field has exploded in the last five years, riding the Internet wave to be among the most lucrative high tech professions on the market.

"The economic forecast for the state of Washington and nationally

indicates a demand for IT workers at all levels," Wayne Klemm, chair of the Department of Information Technology and Administrative Management (ITAM) said.

The demand for well trained IT professionals with the problem solving, analytical and interpersonal skills one gets from a four-year college were not being met by any state institution.

Community and technical colleges provide hands-on training in applications, but not business communications and human relations skills. Four-year colleges in Washington provide the opposite set of skills and it was impossible to transfer those community college credits to any four-year institution.

"This degree will serve any student who wishes to transfer from a

community college that has a strong background in IT and wants a four-year degree," Klemm said.

New specializations in Information Technology, Administrative Management and Retail Management and Technology will provide specialized hands on

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Joe Whiteside/Observer

Members of the Kittitas County Fire District 2 stay prepared for any emergency requiring their services.

Program grooms future firefighters

by Walker Anderson
Staff reporter

Kittitas County Fire District 2 is looking for dedicated, courageous and hard working volunteers to become firefighters.

The volunteer firefighter-training program has been in place for seven years and is designed to give potential firefighters the opportunity to see what it is like to be a part of a real firehouse. The goal of the program is to train and certify people as firefighters.

"It's a good place to get experience," Mark Giannoble, Central Washington University student and county firefighter, said.

To get the job, a person must be at least eighteen years old, score at least a

70 percent on a written test and pass physical tests. The physical tests include carrying a dummy across a balance beam and hauling hoses up a practice tower, to determine if the person has the strength to become a firefighter.

If selected for the program an applicant will live at Fire District 2's firehouse rent free. The living quarters in the house are much like that of an upscale Central dorm. Two people live in a room and there is one bathroom that everyone shares. Four of the five people living at the house are Central students, and all of them plan to be professional firefighters.

The trainees do not receive pay because of their volunteer status; they are paid based on a stipend system.

One advantage to living in the

house is that the trainees will receive a more complete training, since they respond to all calls in Kittitas County.

The trainees are expected to cover ten shifts a month, and do one forty-eight hour shift every three weeks. The regular shift hours are fifteen hours long and cover the hours of 5 p.m. until 8 a.m. They are not required to be awake for that time, but they are in the house and answer the phones and respond to calls. The training time is geared toward the college student or to a person who needs to work to pay the bills.

"The program is designed for people to have a job or go to school," Erik

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International student aids Portland's homeless

by Ken Whittenberg
Staff reporter

Sungeun Lee had a very different spring break than most Central Washington University students this year. Lee went to Portland, Oregon, to spend time with and help feed the homeless.

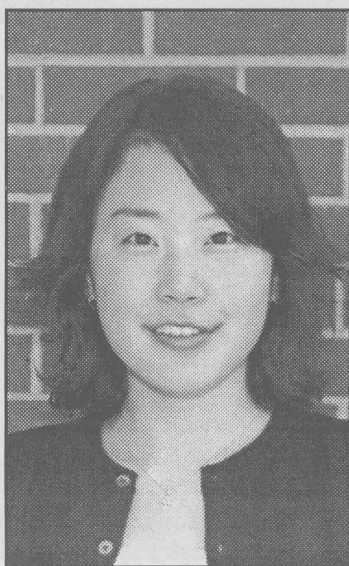
"I was looking for a new experience and I saw the paper at the SUB and decided to sign up," Lee, an English as a Second Language (ESL) student, said.

Lee left with nine other Central students to spend spring break in Portland.

The program Lee took part in was operated through the Service Learning and Volunteer Center.

"I wanted to know about U.S. homeless," Lee said.

A native of Korea, Lee has worked with orphaned and disabled children in Korea. Lee already has a degree in tourism from Hanyang



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Sungeun Lee, an English as a Second Language student, donated her time to help the homeless over spring break.

Women's College in Seoul and is studying at Central to learn more about American life.

"This is the first time a student has done something like this," Steve Horowitz, director of the ESL program said. "This is a courageous action to take on her own initiative. Everyone at ESL is very proud of her."

Lee said she was surprised to find that homelessness was a problem in the United States.

"When I was in Korea I thought a developed country like the U.S. and Canada wouldn't have homeless. I was surprised," Lee said.

Lee said she wants to do more in the future in terms of helping people in the United States and in Korea.

"I want to do it again. My father is very proud of me," Lee said. "In Korea, the International Monetary Fund came to help with the economic situation in Korea. It reminded me of a homeless camp in Portland."

Skeelo to visit Central campus

On Friday, May 17, Club Central will sponsor "The Show," beginning at 9 p.m. Acts include local rapper Kojo Obeng and possibly one-hit wonder Skeelo.

Tickets are \$3 and can be picked up at the SUB Info Booth

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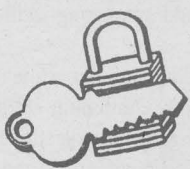
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activities on campus.

Both Brandy Peters, candidate for VP for equity and community service, and Karina Bacica, VP for clubs and organizations candidate, have worked closely with the current BOD and are excited about the year ahead.

"I've shadowed Emily all year...I've learned a lot through visiting the branch campuses," Bacica said. "I choose this position because it's the position that I feel sees the most students."

Though unopposed, the candidates participated in Tuesday night's debate to familiarize students with their positions for the coming year.

The next forum is scheduled for noon, May 14 in the SUB Pit. Students should be prepared to see more of the candidates in the coming weeks as they continue their campaigns.

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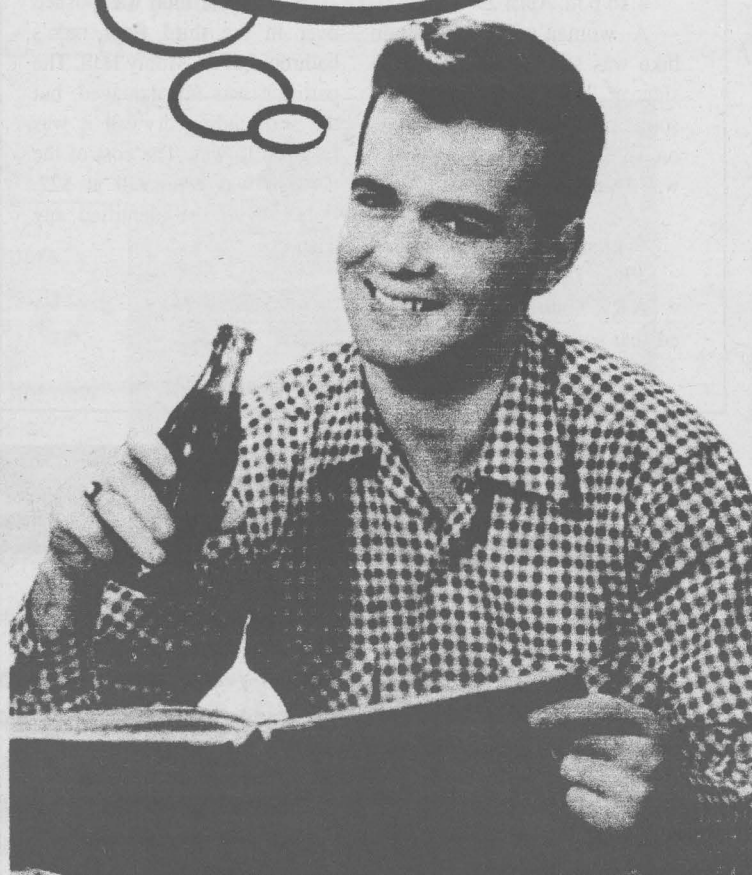
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Police Briefs

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Garden graffiti

7:45 a.m. April 26

A bench in the Japanese garden, was found to have a broken board, and rocks and ornamental pieces were drawn on with chalk in an apparent act of vandalism. The replacement of the bench board cost an estimated \$20 and the chalk was washed off.

Knife wielding tire hater

2 p.m. April 26

A Brooklane Village resident reported that a tire on a 1997 Ford van had been slashed at the apartment complex sometime between 10:30 p.m. on April 21 and 7:45 a.m. on April 22. Damage was estimated at \$104.

Vehicle vandalism

12:05 p.m. April 27

The owner of a 1993 Chevy Cavalier reported that the driver side taillight was broken sometime between 7 p.m. the day before and noon that day. Damage was estimated at \$75.

Tagged

10:30 a.m. April 29

Facilities Management reported that graffiti in orange, black and white spray paint was found on an electrical transformer, a dumpster and a garbage receptacle outside Randall Hall. The vandalism, which occurred sometime between the 25 and 29 of April, caused an estimated \$75 in damage.

Stolen bike

4:16 p.m. April 29

A woman's red mountain bike was stolen from the north side of Holmes Dinning Hall sometime between 6 and 7 p.m. on April 25. The value of the bike was estimated at \$100.

Vehicular vandalism II

4 p.m. April 30

A Kia Sportage owner reported that sometime between April

26 and 30, the car was scratched down the driver side and the driver side taillight was damaged. The total damage was estimated at \$1,250.

Halloween in April

9:20 p.m. April 30

A Student Village resident reported that an egg had been thrown at the resident's door but were unable to see any perpetrators.

H-18 prowler

2:07 p.m. May 1

An officer patrolling the H-18 parking lot investigated the discovery of broken glass in the area of a white Chevy pickup. The glass came from the broken driver side window of the truck. The owner was notified and upon arrival verified the theft of CDs, a CD player and a cell phone and charger. Blood found at the scene led police to believe the suspect had been injured during the robbery. They were unable to locate any possible suspects who may have sought assistance at area hospitals. Total loss and damage was estimated at \$790.

H-18 prowler II

9:02 p.m. May 1

The owner of a 1997 Honda Accord reported the front passenger side window had been broken and 2 CDs were stolen while parked in the H-18 parking lot. Total damage and loss was estimated at \$230.

Vandal vs. bathroom stall

7:36 a.m. May 4

A toilet partition was pushed over in the third floor men's bathroom of Al-Monty Hall. The partition was not damaged, but the surrounding drywall it was fastened to was. The cost of the damage was estimated at \$22. Police have not identified any suspects.



Stephanie West/Observer

The weather outside is frightful...

Unusual spring conditions brought cold temperatures and sporadic snowfall Monday. Ellensburg strayed from its average temperature for the month of May of 55 degrees and its average precipitation of about .5 inches.

NEW MAJOR: Prepares students for futuristic careers

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experience working in an IT world.

"I think the changes needed to happen to stay current with everything that's happening and as we try to distinguish ourselves outside the college of business," Jennifer Fountain, a graduate pursuing her masters in marketing education, said. "I think it's their job as professors to offer the most dynamic classes, most current technology and most knowledge they can to their students."

The merger between technical computer training and retail management and technology ensures students they will receive a 21st century education preparing them for occupations in all aspects of retail sales.

"It's a really nice marriage. I'm in a department that's already strong

in IT, and now I can take the retail component and fit it in nicely," Robert Lupton, associate professor of the department of ITAM said. "My students get the technical skills they need complemented with the management and marketing skills they have."

Fountain said the department does a good job combining itself with advertising, communications, fashion merchandising and retailing, helping students excel in their careers.

"It's linking them directly with careers so with whatever classes they take or program they're in they see that link and they see it reinforced," Fountain said. "I think the one thing this department does that's really cool is it teaches us that information is changing all the time."

With technology changing constantly, the career and job opportu-

nities presenting themselves to recent graduates has expanded, leading to some unforeseen consequences.

"When we look at our follow up data, we see all kinds of job titles. IT allows a person to sell themselves based on their communication, people skills, problem solving, critical thinking skills and their technical skills," Klemin said.

Jason Pelletier, a senior retail management major said because the range of businesses needing professionals with IT experience, he definitely feels like he's ahead of the crowd.

"I think it's given me an advantage because I'm coming out of it with a grasp of all these new systems that will be implemented really soon," Pelletier said. "Everyone from small businesses all the way up to big corporations is moving in this direction."

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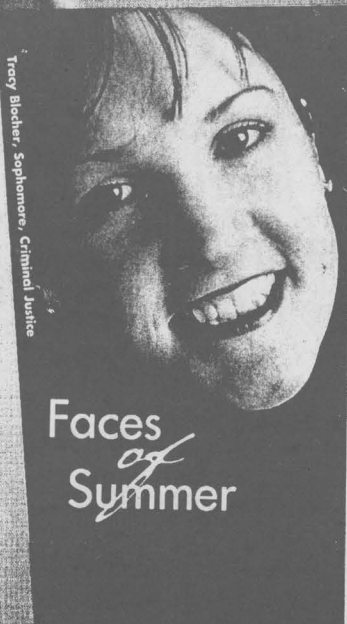
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University enacts new marketing strategy

by Ken Whittenberg
Staff reporter

Even though enrollment for fall quarter 2001 exceeded Central Washington University's expectations, a full court press will be put in motion to expand the student population even further.

Central's marketing committee is working with Desautel Hege Communications of Spokane to develop a marketing campaign that will elevate the university's image throughout the state.

The campaign is in the early stages. The first step will be for Central's marketing committee and Desautel Hege Communications to develop an integrated marketing campaign — a synchronized message throughout all the facets of the media changes Central will use to convey their new message.

The second step is to create an image branding campaign — an image or phrase people will come to

recognize once the campaign is underway.

The third step is to audit and develop Central's web site, creating an online strategy that fits with the

“We want to know what people think of Central.”

— Mark Anderson

overall campaign.

Mark Anderson, director of Public Relations and Marketing, says the goal of the new campaign is to tell Central's story, what the school has to offer and its benefits to people.

“We want to know what people think of Central,” Anderson said. “To do that we need to find out what

people around the state think of us. We also want to hear from everybody on campus. This campaign starts with them.”

Flyers, some of which students and faculty have already seen, are being distributed in classes to assess how current students feel about Central.

“Right now we're gathering input. It will be tabulated and analyzed. The next step will be coming back and presenting three ideas developed from the input and put it before a panel,” Anderson said.

Desautel Hege Communications and Central's marketing committee will make final adjustments to the approved version of the marketing campaign before people around the state begin to hear Central's new message.

“The panel will make suggestions on the three marketing ideas — we'll fine tune the best message and then the campaign really begins,” Anderson said.

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VOLUNTEERS: Two-year commitment expected of firefighters

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Pedefevri, Central Student and firefighter trainee at District 2, said.

Trainees are expected to commit two years to the program. In the first year, the recruit will become certified as a firefighter and will be fully trained in using all of the equipment. The person will also be certified as an emergency medical technician. Training is done through the county or at the University. The second year will provide actual fire fighting experience.

“This program gives us the confidence to take on the real world,” Pedefevri said.

The duty officers, Brian Mellergaard, Kevin Mohan and Jim Charleton train the recruits at the firehouse. The whole house is overseen by District 2 fire Chief Stan Baker.

After the two year program most trainees will move on to bigger firehouses, like Seattle or Spokane. Because of the program the trainees feel more confident when applying for the bigger departments.

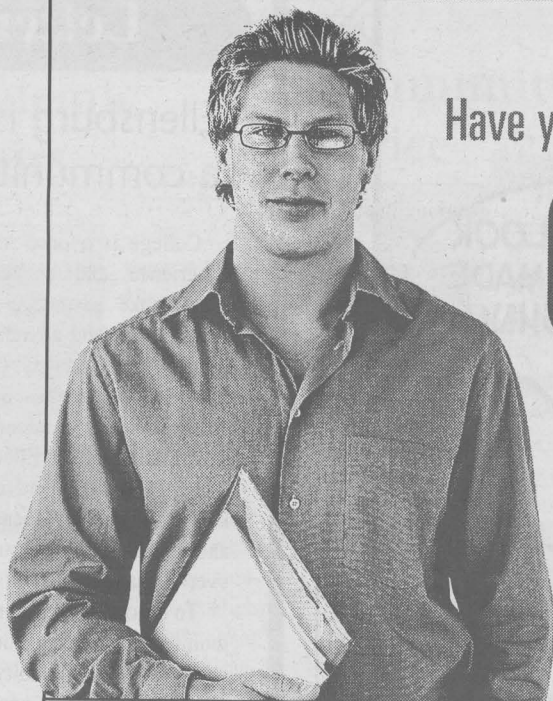
“This program helps to get a job at a bigger house,” Pedefevri said.

Kyle Smith, who previously worked at Firehouse 322 in Redmond, spent his first evening at the house last Thursday and is looking forward to the opportunity to participate.

“It feels good to get back to firefighting,” Smith said.

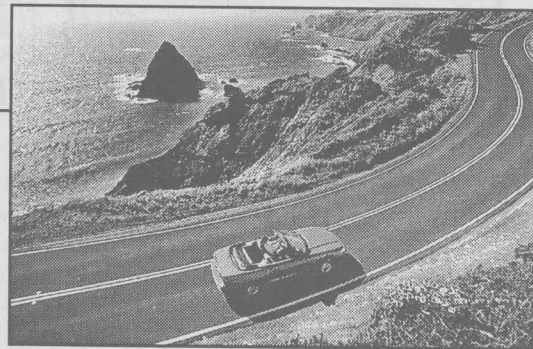
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Observance

Please think before you drink and drive

Sadly, we hear the story too often. A person drinks an excessive amount, gets behind the wheel of a vehicle and winds up killing an innocent and unsuspecting person.

For as many times as we hear the horrific scenario played out, it amazes me the selfishness of certain people continues to outweigh respect for other's lives.

The recent conviction of Debra Acey, who killed Central Washington University student Erin Klotz while driving drunk earlier this fall, provided the motivation for this editorial.

Acey had a blood alcohol level of .30, which

equated to around 15 glasses of wine. She had also taken muscle-relaxers and anti-depressants.

Common sense should tell a person there is absolutely no way they should get in their car when drunk and head home. Unfortunately, Acey as well as an abundance of other drivers in this nation, don't have an inkling of common sense. The most recent statistics from the MADD website note that in 2000 there were 16,653 people killed in alcohol related car accidents, 275 from Washington.

The theme of selfishness seems to overpower all others when it comes to drunk drivers. That Acey expected pity from others and desired a reduction in her sentence because she was a mother blew my mind. Did she not think that Erin Klotz had a mother too? Unfortunately for Mrs. Klotz, she will have the absence of her daughter for the rest of her life, not just a measly nine years. I realize nine years is the maximum sentence for vehicular homicide, but that doesn't seem right. Acey had been convicted of drunk driving twice before; why shouldn't she receive life?

State laws have recently been tightened but it's obvious they have had little effect, as people continue to drive drunk. Laws may never completely alter someone's decision to get behind the wheel after drinking, but if there were tougher consequences, maybe a family could feel a small amount of comfort in knowing the killer of their loved one will never see the light of day again.

Springtime is here and the number of parties is increasing. Graduation is just around the corner. There are plenty of reasons to celebrate, relax and throw back a few, but try to use that common sense before getting in your car. Think about someone else who is going along minding their own business. Someone else, who doesn't want to be a part of your irresponsible decision to drive drunk.

—Kevin Endejan



Cartoon by Chris Furniss

Letters to the Editor

Ellensburg is not a community

College is a once in a lifetime experience and as students we should take advantage by voicing our opinions and attending sporting events. Unfortunately, Central isn't like other universities where events are packed and community support is rampant. This is Ellensburg. We live in a town where cops follow kids from sporting events to parties and locals speak of students with overt disdain.

To describe Ellensburg as a community is to stretch the boundaries of semantics. Community implies a working, or at least non-adversarial relationship between the inhabitants of a place.

Sadly, Ellensburg is a town that has opted to bully a significant portion of its residents (students) by invoking its own little Martial Law, steeped in hypocrisy. Business that rely on student dollars snivel about trivialities and bitch about noise while turning a deaf ear to the fact that without us, this town would be a truck stop. This town doesn't sup-

port us, or even like us.

The reality is, school spirit doesn't come from individuals, it comes from communities. It comes from townspeople who don't cringe when they see a kid wearing a CWU shirt. It comes from celebrating Wildcat pride without fear of being cuffed and fined. Spirit comes from believing in your school, loudly. But this is Ellensburg, where you can't do anything loud unless it's on a John Deere.

I love Central. I am proud to call myself a Wildcat, and someday if the sun sets in the East and all the planets align, I might be able to call myself CWU Alumni. Maybe then I'll attend a few more games. But for now, if it has to be a choice, I'll be content partying with my friends and getting the score of the basketball game from the daily paper, (if it shows up before 2 p.m.) At least until the cops stop following kids home from games and the locals embrace a little tolerance. After all, college is a once in a lifetime experience, and I plan to enjoy what remains of mine. I'm certain I'm not the only one.

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Central's 2002 ASCWU-BOD General Election candidates

President



Nate Harris

I would like to begin by sincerely professing appreciation to my constituents for the distinct honor I've been given this academ-

ic year to serve on the ASCWU BOD. With an additional opportunity to function on behalf of my peers as advocate and representative, I am prepared to lead the BOD in a unified fashion as a cohesive and articulate voice in the defense and promotion of student interests while complimenting the efforts and building upon the foundations of the current ASCWU.

I believe in the sanctity of student governance, the power of that collective, and the change in institutional policy and structure that can manifest through the intentional implementation of those combined qualities. I am poised and excited to provide the continuity, integrity, and unity that is essential to and will enable an ASCWU President's success in the coming year and I simply ask throughout this election process "Got Nate?"

Fellow student,

I believe that true leadership is demonstrated through action. This action should be founded

upon the doctrine that all of mankind is equal, everyone deserving to be represented by people who will actively seek solutions for all practical difficulties that may occur. I feel that my history of service and leadership exemplifies this understanding.

If elected, I will work to find an answer for the extensive parking dilemma that exists on campus. Having discussed this issue with members of the current administration and the Ellensburg City Council, I am aware of the possible solutions and am already turning ideas into action. Also, by working with the Provost's office I will work to craft a reasonable plan to diminish the difficulties in our registration process. There are issues needing to be addressed on the main campus and the university centers that must be confronted responsibly.

Sincerely,
David Hoffman

Executive V.P.



Ryan McMichael

Greetings fellow Wildcats! Let me start this off with a question for you to ponder: is CWU providing you

with an adequate university experience? We all get diplomas when we graduate, but do we also walk away from here with the memory of an enriching, productive, and stimulating chapter in our lives? If you're suspecting that the answer will be no, then you're like me. I find it ironic that I'm enrolled in an institution of higher education and find myself intellectually starved. I'm jealous that other universities bring in world leaders on a regular basis and we're stuck with bi-monthly comedy nights. Finally, I'm tired of the fact that this all has the potential to change and never does. Next year's Executive VP will have a large say in how millions of dollars of student money will be spent. Vote for someone who'll spend it wisely. Vote Ryan McMichael.

V.P. for Academic Affairs



David Uberti

Hi my name is David Uberti, I am running for Vice-President of Academic Affairs. I would like to tell you a little about myself.

I grew up in Everett, Washington, and graduation from Cascade High School in 2000. I am a sophomore at Central and am going to major in history with a PE minor. I am involved with many activities here at Central including being a current member of the track team. I am also the president of Stephens-Whitney RHC, a member of RHA. I am a part of the leadership house here on campus and also am the public relations representative for the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. Thank you very much for your time and don't forget to vote.

V.P. for Clubs and Organizations



Karina Bacica

Clubs and Organizations serve a vital role for students in any University setting whether that is in Ellensburg, or at one of the

extended degree centers. Clubs and Organizations provide important outlets for students to share common interests. They bring diversity to the campus, inform students about relevant issues and provide professional development opportunities. It is imperative for students to have access to opportunities where they can voice their opinions and engage in the experiences offered by these entities. I am prepared to foster these qualities in every aspect for the position. Passion, perseverance, and productivity are what you vote for, when you vote for Karina Bacica.

V.P. for Equity and Community Service



Brandy Peters

Hello, my name is Brandy Peters. As your VP of Equity and Community Service I will accurately express the opinions and

ideas of the CWU student body. I will do so by providing fellow students with an open door, listening ear, an open mind and a voice prepared to speak out. I believe that our university will benefit significantly by embracing and celebrating diversity while also addressing issues of student awareness. By encouraging students to participate in service oriented activities I hope to see our college community grow in its understanding of the human experience, while finding its place in addressing issues that are faced worldwide. As a member of the ASCWU/BOD, I will strive to create a unified student governing board that works as a team in the interest of the students it represents. So, if you're looking for a candidate with compassion, enthusiasm, and experience, vote Brandy Peters.

V.P. for Political Affairs



Jeremiah Hodgins

Hi, my name is Jeremiah Hodgins, and I am running to be your Vice President of Political Affairs for

the 2002-2003 school year.

If elected, I will fight for the issues that are important to you as students. Having had experience working in Washington D.C. as well as Olympia I am fully committed to lobbying on the students behalf for lower tuition, improved facilities, and improving the academic and social aspects of CWU that we all deal with and undergo on a daily basis. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to call me at 963-9074.

In conclusion, I would ask that you consider voting for Jeremiah Hodgins for Vice President for Political Affairs come the May 17th elections.

Thank you



Patrick Wicklund

It is now more important than at any other time in our institution's recent history to assert the will of the

student body of Central Washington University to Congress, the House of Representatives, our governor and other important leaders. Economic shortcomings had an unfortunate effect on our budget. On the federal level, unfortunately the chance that billions of dollars will be cut from higher education such as the Pell Grant program serving 4.5 million students with significant fiscal need is sadly a possibility. More Americans filed for bankruptcy last year than graduated from college. To help compensate, if I am elected I'll represent student interests through well constructed thought, and effective strategic diplomatic principals.

Political progress and a growth of our influence in state government is a difficult job, nevertheless it is an attainable goal. I will get Central more money while other govern-

mental programs and institutions will receive less. I am committed to listen to all points of view, and through my unique style bring a new definition to "represent" I am Patrick Wicklund. I hope I can count on your continued support.

V.P. for Student Life and Facilities



Megan Fuhlman

Hello to all! My name is Megan Fuhlman and I am running for the position of Vice President for Student Life and Facilities.

One of my goals for this position is to become an outlet as well as a resource for students.

I believe that students at the Ellensburg campus as well as those at the branch campuses have the right to be heard, and I believe that I am just the gal for the job. With my immense creativity, my open mind, and my kind heart I can not only provide a "listening ear" and "a shoulder to lean on," but as your V.P. for Student Life and Facilities, I will be ready to take on the challenge of putting the life back into "student life!"



Shawn Findley

Leadership, integrity, and communication have been the cornerstone of every successful operation in history. I want

to bring these entities to the table as V. P. for Student Life and Facilities.

I'm currently a coordinator for the Center for Excellence in Leadership. There I have learned the importance of leadership and how it makes or breaks an organization. C.W.U. needs strong leaders that aren't afraid to hold strong to integrity. It's integrity, intertwined with initiative, which makes incredible things happen. Change needs to start somewhere and I want to be a part of that spark.

I want to open the lines of communication between the students and the student government. The separation has lasted too long. I've lived here all my life and have seen the University in the good and bad times. Communication has been the key through those good times. I am ready to work for the students.

Don't forget to vote in the upcoming elections to be held Thursday, May 16!

Cast your votes in the SUB or online at www.cwu.edu/~vote

BLINK

Quote of the week

<http://www.cwu.edu/~observer>

"My parents spent \$50,000 on higher education and this is how I repay them."

—Mark Hoppus (Blink-182)

Punk titans rock dome

by Andrew Fickes
Asst. Scene editor

It's a wonder it hasn't been done before. Put two superstar punk bands on one bill and produce a hell of a good show.

After picking up where the Ramones left off, merry pranksters Blink-182 and classic heavyweights Green Day decided to do just that. On April 17, along with Jimmy Eat World, the guys started their Pop Disaster Tour in Bakersfield, Calif. Last Wednesday, May 1, the tour visited Tacoma and the bands had no problem transforming the Tacoma Dome into a punk's paradise.

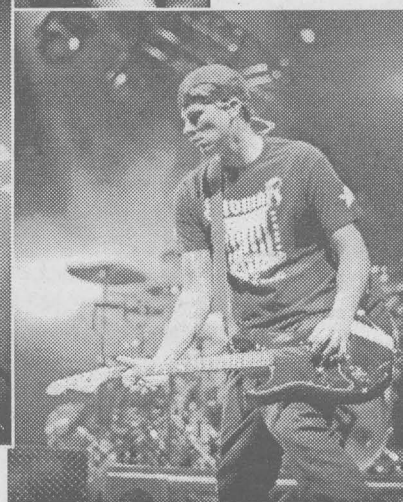
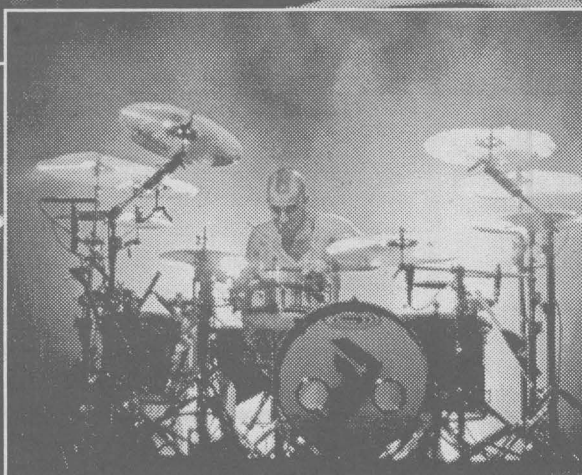
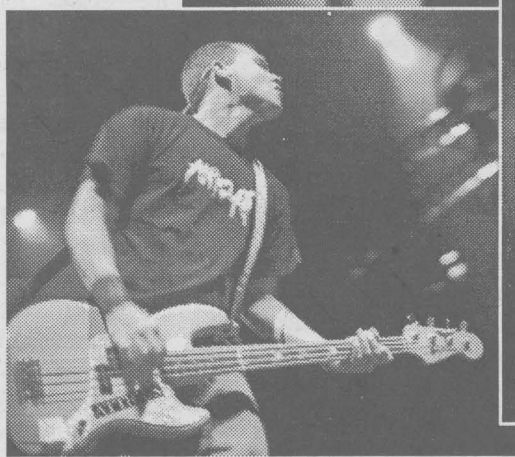
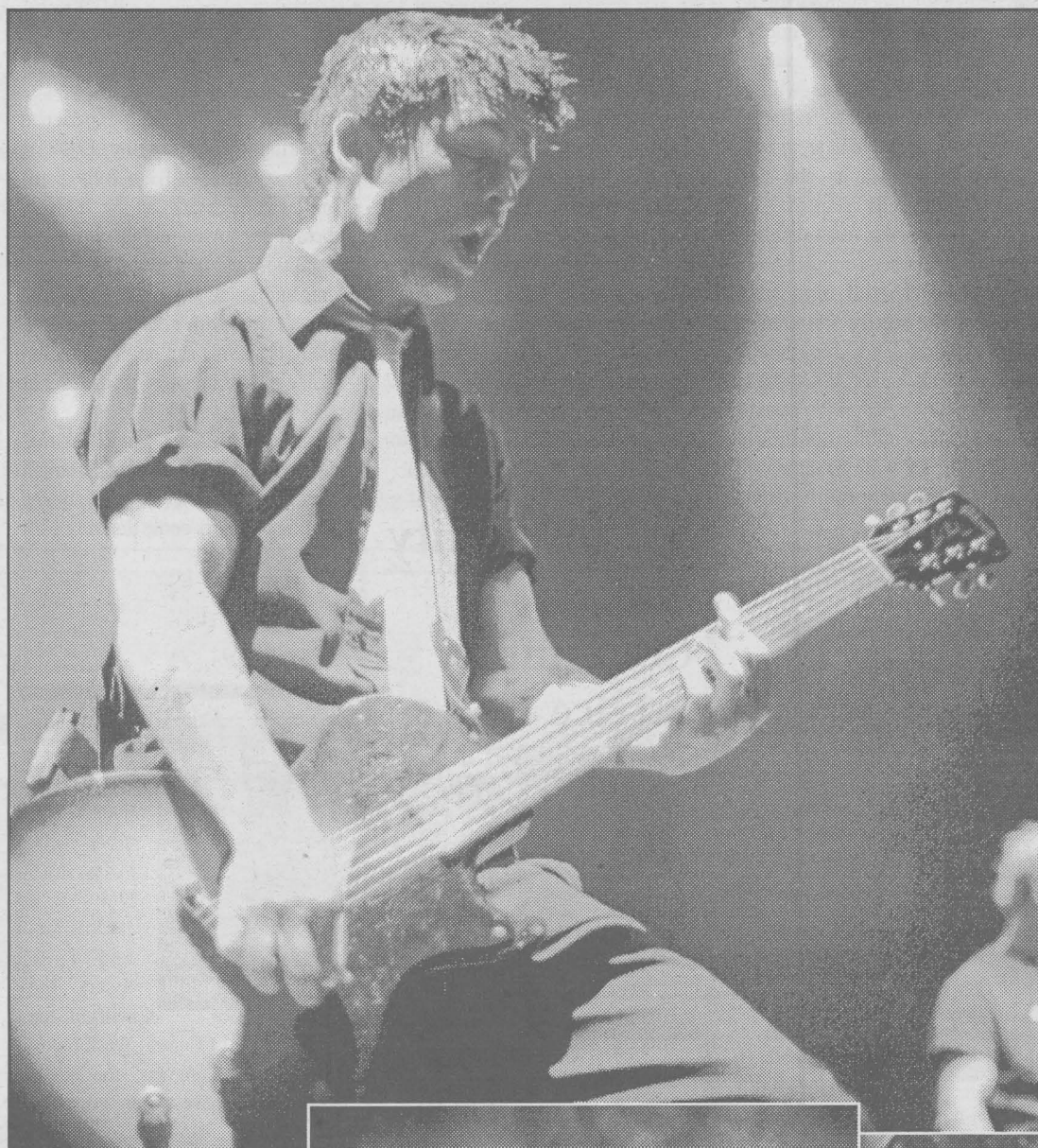
In a recent Rolling Stone interview, Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day described his band and Blink-182's sound as both fitting into the darker side of pop culture. Last Wednesday, Tacoma, shrouded in a blanket of charcoal clouds, became that luminous darker side.

Following a short-lived thirty-minute set by Jimmy Eat World and an anxiety-driven forty-minute wait, America's modern-day saviors of punk, Green Day, finally entered the pop disaster arena with all the fan fare they could muster. The stark red curtain curled away and Armstrong, bass player Mike Dirnt and drummer Tre Cool sprinted to their instruments amidst a barrage of wailing sirens. It was the highly anticipated signal that Green Day had finally returned to the stage. Either that or a cataclysmic disaster was about to strike and Green Day was giving fair warning to fans.

Not since the release of "Warning" in 2000 has Green Day committed to a full American tour. During the off-and-on break, Armstrong has enjoyed married life and raising a family. But domestication did not fade him. On stage, the spunk and crude edge of yester-year was still vibrant in the short, stylish punk star.

Throughout Green Day's 75-minute set, Armstrong cranked out hit after hit while behind him fire erupted, on beat, from the stage floor. Armstrong never stayed in one place for too long and never led his glance away from the audience. His adoring fans ate from his hands like pigeons on a New York City sidewalk.

"How many old-school Green Day fans out there?" Armstrong



asked. "What do you want to hear?"

For Green Day, the show was all about the fans. From the set's opening notes, the trio gave exactly what everyone wanted and shot through three career hits: "Longview," "Welcome to Paradise" and "Hitchin' a Ride." The trio even let the audience sing most of the lyrics.

Halfway through the set, Armstrong asked for the best drummer, the best bass player and the best guitarist to come up to the stage. What he got for a drummer was a shameless, fat white guy.

"Check him out ladies. He's sexy," Armstrong said.

With the help of bouncers, the

man got on the stage and proceeded to take his shirt off. He jiggled his belly for the audience and in the process, nearly lost his shorts. Disaster almost struck.

Regardless, Armstrong and the guys managed to compose a decent back-up band made up of three very lucky guys.

Guitarless, Armstrong took the mic and busted out a tune to the three-chord structured song. Afterwards, the fat, jolly man gave Armstrong a big bear hug and for a second, Armstrong was out of sight.

"When I Come Around," the second-to-last song of the set, ended with destruction. While Armstrong rang out a delay effect on his guitar,

Dirnt smashed his bass guitar to the stage and Cool jumped through his drum set. An encore was out of the question.

However, one song was missing from the set. Dirnt and Cool left the stage and Armstrong appeared front and center to answer the call. On soft distorted guitar, Armstrong added a more punk feel to the monumental "Good Riddance." Lighters illuminated the dome, and Armstrong punctuated the song's ending with a ground breaking strum, leaving the audience in a somber tone. It was a perfect ending for Green Day's triumphant return.

Blink-182's set included a little

(Clockwise from top) Green Day's frontman, Billie Joe Armstrong, dons his classic performing stance before thousands of punk-crazed fans at the dome. Blink-182 lead guitarist, Tom Delonge, charges up his guitar for a 75-minute run through of radio hits and crowd favorites. Travis Barker, taking a break from his other two punk projects, heats up Blink's set with a little help from the fire that flanked him. blink bassist, Mark Hoppus, hops to the beat while laying a punk groove on his trademark hot pink bass guitar. The Pop Disaster tour marks the first time Blink-182 and Green Day have hit the road together. The tour began in Bakersfield, California and will finish up in Minneapolis, Minn on June 17.

Michael Bennett/Observer

more bang for the buck. In an attempt to overthrow Green Day's stage show, Blink-182 heightened the pyrotechnics and during the festive "Happy Holidays," green and red confetti shot out onto the mosh pit.

Wanting to make it more about the music than anything else, Mark Hoppus and Tom Delonge set their sexual commentary aside, except for one comment that could not be denied.

"The very first song a girl showed her breasts," Delonge said. "That was out of line. Now I have an erection and I'm afraid I won't be able to play the next song. I guess I will anyway."

Blink played their current hits "The Rock Show," "First Date" and

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BLINK: Barker plays drum solo for the gods

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"Stay Together for the Kids," plus fan favorites like "All the Small Things" and "Adam's Song."

Opting out of instrument abuse, blink decided on an earth-shattering drum solo by one of punk's most talked about drummers, Travis Barker.

Barker, supported by a hydraulic lift, coasted out above the audience on his drum kit. While performing his solo, the drum platform rotated upside down.

Although Blink's set was a little faster paced than Green Day's, their musicality was a couple notches below. Green Day, for all the work they've put into punk, should have headlined the show.

Openers Jimmy Eat World played a near 10-song set with hardly any rock talk between numbers.

Jimmy Eat World's style rings '80s sonic pop flare and attitude, incorporating chant choruses and tight harmonies.

Each of their songs sounded like an over-achieving rock ballad and all hope was lost until the end when the band performed their radio hit "The Middle," an optimistic song for the unfaithful.

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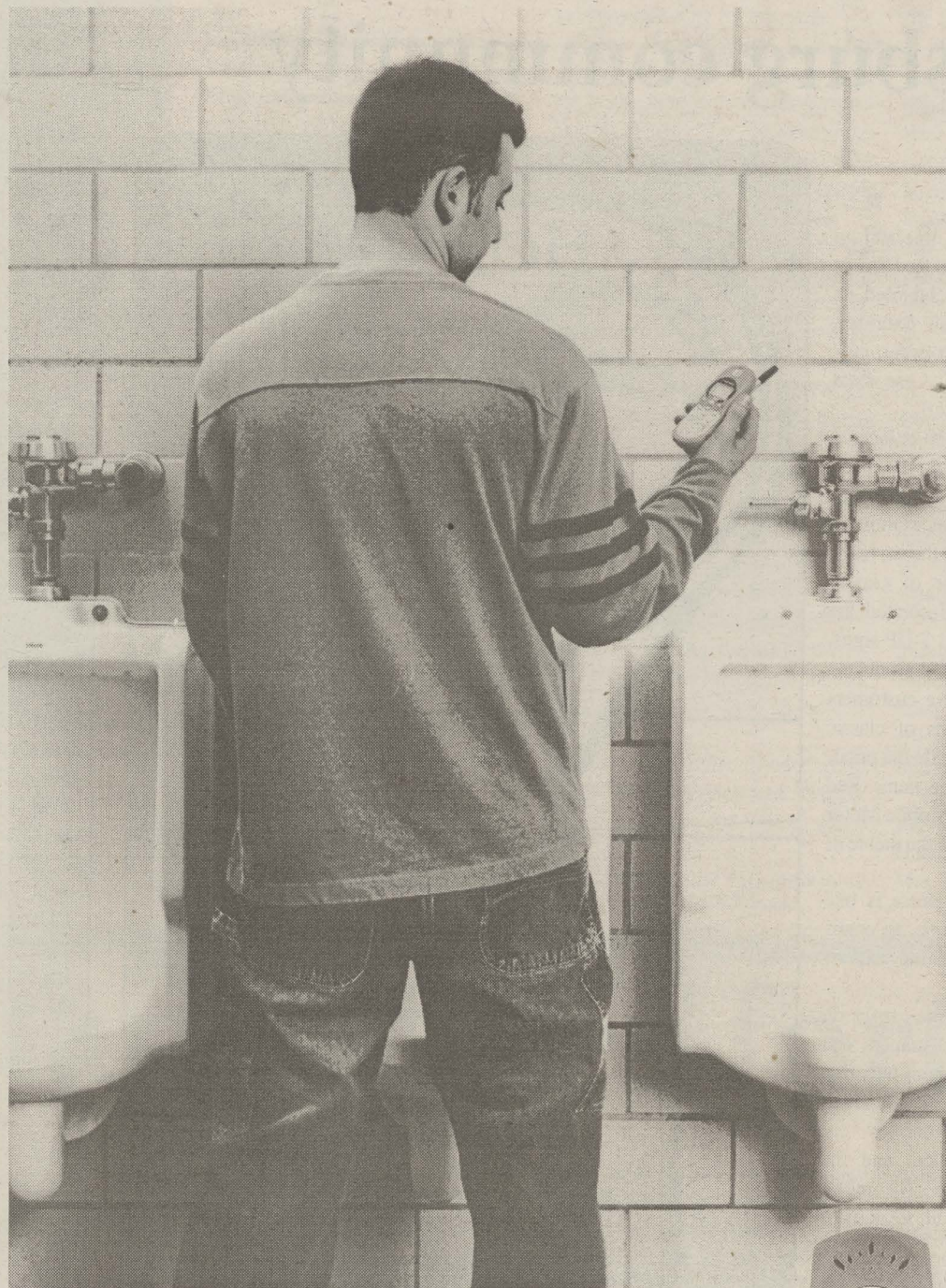


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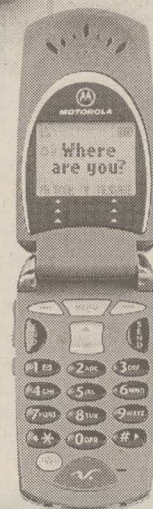
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Red Horse still kicks after one year of serving the Ellensburg community

by Ashley Edwards
Staff reporter

Take a step back in time and go grab a bite to eat at the Red Horse Drive In. The eatery celebrated its one-year anniversary on Saturday, May 4. To celebrate the event, customers were able to buy one meal and get the second half off.

The gas station, which is located in front of the drive-in, has been there since the 1920s. When Bruce Crossett bought the gas station in 1995 he decided to add the drive-in. Crossett is a collector of classic memorabilia and has decorated the property with Coke and 7-UP signs, along with old Mobile Oil products.

Inside the Red Horse customers will find many pictures of classic cars that were taken beside the popular red gas pumps. The name Red Horse comes from the Mobile Motor Oil products and adds to the theme of the restaurant.

Eating at the Red Horse is like taking a step back in time, an entertaining and unique dining experience.

The automobile theme carries on into the menu where customers will find meals such as the Fuel Injection Burger and the Checkered Flag Chicken.

The food is excellent and the prices are reasonable. All meals come with a drink and steak fries priced less than \$8.

Something that people won't find at most restaurants is specialty drinks. Customers can treat themselves to a vanilla or cherry Coke or a cherry 7-UP at the drive-in. For dessert, root beer floats and hard ice cream sundaes are favorites on a hot summer day.

"The food is great and the atmosphere is fun," Lindsay Cyr, first-time customer said.

Currently the drive-in is offering a deal for customers. Those who purchase nine meals will get the tenth



free. Red Horse hours are 7a.m. to

8:30

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After one year, the Red Horse Drive-In sign still directs traffic off of Cascade Way and in to the restaurant that has entertained car enthusiasts and fed travelers.

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Macbeth brings sex and violence to Tower Theatre

"...Sword fights, axes, shields, sex, blood, murder, witches, disembowelments, swearing, ghosts, murderers, an evil king."

—Ry Sherrell

by Mark Kendrick
Managing Editor

Think "Braveheart," with all of its gore and glory. Now imagine you're completely immersed in the action with nothing between you and the actors except the occasional broadsword or battle axe. Somewhere between the plot twists, evolving characters and stirring dialogues, you realize that this is Shakespeare as you never thought possible.

The Central Washington University Theatre Arts department will "Macbeth" in the Tower Theatre, an immersive environment with flexible seating that places the audience on stage with the actors.

"The Tower Theatre is usually something for a small, intimate production," director Brenda Hubbard said. "(Macbeth) is certainly a large production."

"There are 30 people in the cast playing a total of about 35 or 40 roles. That's a lot of people in a small space, but the designer opened it up so that we have the seating on two sides in a tennis-court style."

The open style is essential to accommodate the complex fight choreography planned for the production when as many as 16 actors will be fighting on stage at once.

Hubbard actually wanted to fit more people on the stage, but Theatre Arts professor George Bellah, who is coordinating the

fight scenes and training the actors, advised otherwise.

"He took a sword and said, 'I want to show you the action I'm going to be doing,'" Hubbard said. "He started to swing it around his head and I went 'Ahhhh!' and decided that we don't want to make the audience too nervous."

The unique seating style "intensifies the experience" in Hubbard's opinion because the audience can see the action on stage as well as the reaction of the onlookers.

Many believe that the language in Shakespeare's plays is too lofty and archaic to comprehend. Hubbard acknowledges that language is the biggest challenge in the play, but she notes that Shakespeare was meant to be heard, not read.

"It is always easier to hear Shakespeare than it is to read it or speak it or act it," Hubbard said.

Anneliese Childress, a guest actress from Ellensburg who plays Lady Macbeth, agrees.


"With the interpretation being acted out, you can understand the language," she said. "I've never done Shakespeare before. I have learned it from the ground up, first breathing, then dialogue, then interpreting speech, then punctuating speech."

Both Childress and Ry Sherrell, the guest actor and Central graduate who plays Macbeth, believe the play is very current and exciting.

"If someone thinks this play is dry and boring after they see it, they were sleeping," Sherrell said. "We have sword fights, axes, shields, sex, blood, murder, witches, disembowelments, swearing, ghosts, murderers, an evil king. It's an incredible play."

Macbeth opens today at 7 p.m. and runs through May 18. For tickets and show times, contact the box office at 963-1774.

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Schroeder inspires and entertains



Stephanie West/Observer

Josh Schroeder, a junior vocal performance major, performs his original music on the lawn outside Meisner Hall. Schroeder will perform with his band in late May.

by Jill Klepach
Staff Reporter

Students gathered anxiously to watch Central's very own singer/songwriter/guitar player Josh Schroeder perform last Wednesday on the Meisner Hall lawn as part of Papa John's Coffeehouse On Tour.

The multi-talented musician gave an astounding performance, showing off his acoustical abilities on the guitar, backed up by strong vocals, which first hooked and then impressed the crowd.

Last summer, Schroeder and his Peat Moss Band performed before Dave Matthews' finale concert at the Gorge.

"Dave Matthews was quite an experience. We did a side gig there and they said we had the most people they had ever seen. We sold a bunch of CDs after we were done. We didn't get to meet Dave, but if we open again maybe we will actually get to meet him," Schroeder said.

Schroeder serenaded students with songs he wrote himself such as "Picasso" and "Fading."

"Picasso," named after the famous artist, showed Schroeder's appreciation for fine art and

"Fading" had meaningful lyrics and mellow guitar sounds that made this an enjoyable song for everyone.

"The song 'Fading' is mostly about dealing with heartbreak, like I am fading here without this person," Schroeder said. "I try to write songs that people can really relate to. This song actually goes one step deeper and deals with Christianity."

Schroeder was a hit among the crowd. The audience bombarded him with one request after another. If fans had it their way, Schroeder would have performed all night long.

"He has good charisma on stage, like Elvis Presley of the fifties he has body language. At the same time he is performing, he is communicating with the audience," event coordinator Andrew Fickes said. "He never fails to impress us and the audience."

The crowd was pumped when Schroeder sang his original hit "Yo-Yo," including an improv performance by drummer Marshall Bilodeau. The two musicians were remarkable as a duo.

"It was an excellent show," sound technician Josh Baulch said. "I think Josh is somebody that will go pretty far."

Schroeder writes lyrics not only

to entertain, but also to inspire students wanting to pursue a career in the music industry.

"I have tried my best to be an inspiration to all students who dream about doing something great with their lives, and something that has a positive affect on people. Music is a large part of everyone's lives and it touches us in ways that nothing else can," Schroeder said. "I try to write songs based on my own experiences, hoping that in some way I can inspire or help others who might have had a similar experience."

So what advice did he have for Central students?

"Stay true to yourself. Don't conform to what society thinks you should be. Everyone is an individual and that is the most important thing to remember in pursuing your dreams," Schroeder said.

Schroeder will be on the electric guitar along with the Peat Moss Band in concert, May 31, on Barto lawn. Tickets are free so bring a friend and become one with the music.

Local guitarist James Dunning will perform at Holmes East Dining Hall Dugout at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22 for Papa John's.

Kuki-Chan strikes fortune



Anne Huntzinger
Staff reporter

As we all know, Ellensburg isn't exactly known for its diverse restaurant selection, so when I heard about a new "authentic" Japanese restau-

rant opening in town I knew I had to try it.

"Business has been surprisingly good so far," Yuki Kikuchi, Kuki-Chan owner, said.

Kuki-Chan is an authentic Japanese food take-out restaurant located on Eighth Avenue across from the Central campus. The location is great because it is centrally located in a popular place and close to campus making it a quick and easy trip.

"We are counting on the traffic running across Eighth Avenue to bring in many customers," Kikuchi said.

Upon entering the restaurant I was immediately approached by an employee with a huge smile asking what they can get for me. It was nice to see the friendly service there.

In the past I have left restaurants thinking that I will never go back because of the rude service, but this obviously is not the case at Kuki-Chan. I believe that happy, cheerful employees will help the restaurant attract more customers and keep them coming back in the future.

One thing that everyone is eager to know about a new restaurant is the food quality. I returned home to find my chicken teriyaki bowl to be hot,

fresh and full of flavor. It was piled high with chicken with plenty of rice and a unique sauce over it.

I thought the food was incredible, it was definitely authentic and was a taste I had never experienced before. I have eaten at many Japanese restaurants but never actually tasted the authenticity of the food.

Another important aspect in restaurants is the waiting time for the food.

I was pleased to discover that it was quick and efficient with only a five minute wait.

The one thing that did catch me off-guard was that they didn't have

sushi on their menu.

I thought an authentic Japanese restaurant would have sushi, so I was pleased to hear that starting in June they add it to the menu.

Kuki-kan offers a great variety of choices. To start off your meal you can chose from tasty appetizers such as pot stickers or tempura.

For the main meals you can chose from a variety of pork, chicken, shrimp and vegetable dishes.

I know money is a big concern for many college students. I found the

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Louise Rose puts jazz into annual festival



Joe Whiteside/Observer

Louise Rose, a vocalist/pianist, unveils a riveting jazz performance at Central Washington University's annual jazz festival. Besides music, Rose has also dabbled in other professions including police officer, Baptist missionary and sociology teacher. She has also made herself known as a motivational speaker. The jazz festival's other featured guest was slide trombonist Ron Wilkins.

by Lauren McKean
Staff reporter

Slide trombonist Ron Wilkins and pianist/vocalist Louise Rose filled Hertz Hall with snazzy jazz vibrations to get the boogie on for Central Washington University's annual jazz festival last Wednesday.

Rose took the stage first at the Gala Jazz Concert. She was full of colorful tunes, a strong and sensual voice and an unpredictable wit, sitting at the piano and performing song after song after song.

The wonderful thing about her music is that her songs are anything but monotonous, with a variety of gears and with different variations of responses from the audience.

Rose, originally from Norristown, Pa., is currently living in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. She is like a chameleon, catering to her array of ambitions through investing time in numerous organizations and professions.

In addition to her musical talents, Rose has made herself known as a motivational speaker, facilitator, mentor and humorist through her careers as a police officer, Baptist missionary and sociology teacher.

A good part of her music was sweet and seductively slow. It's like imagining a person sitting at a piano

in the middle of a smoky bar, alone, playing their emotions and singing their thoughts into the hazy, dim-lit room. Other songs were upbeat and pinching to get you out of your seat and swing dance.

Accompanying Rose's music was a quick and witty demeanor. She was having fun with her music along with the involvement of the audience. During one song, she had the audience sing back to her after each time she played her part.

"I had a great time. I really did. My experience was that people were there to experience it and have fun. Even though some of the youngsters were tired, they were still wonderful. I was tired, too," Rose said.

The more comfortable Rose was with the audience, the more they felt the true and personal entertainment of the night.

"It's cool that she has audience interaction. That makes it a lot more interesting," Tahnee Brown, Central Washington University freshman, said.

The spotlight later moved to Ron Wilkins, with slide trombone in hand, to finish out the night.

Living a colorful life, Wilkins is currently resides in San Antonio, Texas, teaching music lessons for the low brass and jazz improvisation as he pursues performances at clubs on

the side. Wednesday night was the first time that Rose and Wilkins had performed together. The two artists had no clue it was a dual performance until they saw their names together on flyers around campus. Nonetheless, they appreciated the companionship.

"He's a wonderful musician and a very talented artist," Rose said.

Wilkins' debut album, "Ron Wilkins: A Tribute to the Masters," was recently released.

Rose's musical creations include her CDs "Cool Yule" and "Lovingly Louise."

After a night of artful entertainment, the jazz fest went on through Thursday, May 2.

Ten high school jazz bands and vocal jazz ensembles, as well as other university bands and ensembles from around Washington put on numerous performances throughout the day and into the evening at Hertz Hall.

The music put together for Thursday's lineup included an assortment of well-performed arrangements by different dynamics and talents combined.

The Jazz Festival is an annual event sponsored by Central's Music Department and has been running for at least 20 years.

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by Observer staff

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88.1 The 'Burg to hold Battle of the Bands competition

by Observer staff

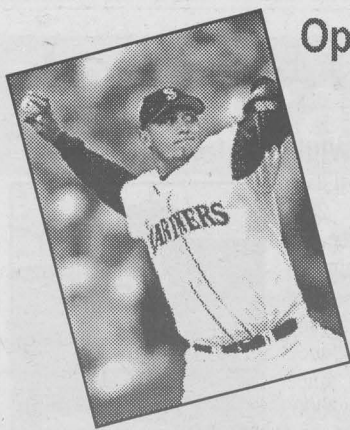
Gustfest is less than a month away and that means it is time for musicians to arm themselves for the Battle of the Bands.

The 'Burg is sponsoring a talent showcase with top acts selected to play on The 'Burg stage at Gustfest 2002.

The winning band will be interviewed on air and their music will be featured regularly on 88.1 The 'Burg.

The competition will be held this evening at 6:30 p.m. in Club Central. Admission is \$3 at the door and \$2 with a canned food donation.

Door prizes are being offered including two pairs of tickets to the Sasquatch Music Festival at the Gorge Amphitheater which will be held Memorial Day weekend.



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This date in history:
In 1967, Roger Maris, who wore #9, hit his first National League home run as a member of the St. Louis Cardinals on the 9th day of the month. The home run landed in section 9, seat 9.



Stephanie West/Observer

Ciria Ochoa gets a hit during a Central loss to Western last week. The Wildcats went on to sweep Western Oregon in a two-game series over the weekend to end the season.

Sweep dreams

by Duane Shimogawa
Staff reporter

The up-and-down season resembling the hills in Kittitas County has ended on a peak.

The Central Washington University softball team ended its 2001-2002 home campaign with a sweep of Western Oregon University, 4-2 and 4-0 at Tomlinson Field on Senior Day. The Wildcats honored four seniors; infielder Heather Hill, second baseman Kelly Reed, Pitcher Mickey Lloyd, and first baseman Jennifer Brown.

"This year was great and probably the most enjoyable for me," Lloyd said.

The post-season accolades came running in for three other Wildcats. Junior shortstop Marie Mitchell and junior designated player Jill McCarthy earned first-team honors in the GNAC, while junior catcher Natalie Kamieniecki grabbed sec-

ond-team recognition.

Mitchell finished 14th in the conference in batting with a .323 average. McCarthy ended the year ranked fourth in the GNAC with a 1.69 earned run average. Kamieniecki threw out 14 runners trying to steal.

In the home finales against Western Oregon, Central pitchers ruled, limiting the Wolves to a total of 11 hits in both games. In the first game, freshman Stephanie Tierney pitched five innings allowing just four hits and striking out two on her way to her first collegiate win.

Central scored all of its runs in the fifth inning, as four different Wildcats knocked in each of the four runs. Junior Jaime Olsufka by way of a single, McCarthy on a double, junior Erica Delgado on a ground out, and senior Jen Brown drove in the fourth run by lining a single.

In the second game, Lloyd pitched brilliantly, allowing six hits

and striking out two on her way to a complete game shutout. At bat, the Wildcats were led by Brown, who drove in two runs on a double in the third, while junior Stephanie Hogan smashed an RBI triple and scored on an error in the sixth.

Although they finished with an 18-25 record, 11-13 in the GNAC, Central showed resilience by coming back to win their last two home games in convincing fashion after being trounced two days earlier by conference powerhouse Western Washington University, 11-2 and 19-5.

"I am so proud of this team and how the came back to play two solid games," head coach Gary Frederick said.

Next season, 21 players, including nine seniors and four juniors, will return to prove that they are playoff material.

"Our goal next season is to make it to regionals," Delgado said.

Track excels at championship

Individual winners look to nationals

by Observer staff

Last Saturday was just another day's work on the track. Sprinters sprinted, jumpers jumped, throwers threw, runners ran and individually, male and female Wildcat stars kicked butt.

Central Washington University used first-place finishers and record-setters to finish third (men) and fourth (women) at the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championship meet at Civic Stadium in Bellingham over the weekend.

"This was the one we've been shooting for, this was bragging rights for next year," head coach Kevin Adkisson said.

It was a solid Saturday performance for the Wildcat men, who lost

to arch rivals Western Washington University by four points.

Sophomore jumper Justin Lawrence led the men's effort. Lawrence won two jumping events, and matched his season's best in the triple jump when he leapt 48-6.25 feet. His mark of 23-1.75 feet was good enough to give him the victory in the long jump.

"I jumped really good at conference and won both the long and triple jump," Lawrence said, "Now I am going to concentrate on getting some jumps in at Nationals, and hopefully being an All-American."

It was not Lawrence alone that gave the men their third-place finish; it was the points provided by five second-place finishers that gave Central the needed depth to place well at the conference championship.

Josh Delay had two second place finishes in the 100 and 200 meters. Neil Small earned his in the 3000 steeplechase, while Joe Smith gave Central a 1-2 finish in the long jump. Beau Ross did the same in the triple jump when he finished behind Lawrence and Jacob Galloway, who was Central's lone place finisher in the discus.

The men added to their second place list with a number two finish in the 4x100 meter relay.

For the women, Alicen Maier led the Wildcats to their fourth place finish. Maier beat out two-time Pacific West Conference champion Rachel Ross (Seattle Pacific University) to win the 1500 meters in 4 minutes 31.84 seconds. Maier also won the 3000 meters with a time of 10:06.86.

"Both (Lawrence and Maier) are very capable of improving their marks, and they have a good opportunity in the next couple of weeks" Adkisson said, "They are sitting in good

"This was bragging rights for next year."

— Kevin Adkisson

position to work on their standings."

Other individual winners for the women include Jody

Binder and Jenoa Potter. Binder won the 100-meters and finished second in the 200, while Potter proved victorious in the high jump.

Central women also recorded a victory when their 4x100 finished first in 48.78 seconds.

Davina Strauss helped the Wildcat women with her second place finish in the long jump.

Central had 51 of 70 athletes competing at the meet. The 51 athletes qualified by recording provisional qualifying times at meets throughout the season.

Those advancing past the Bellingham meet will compete at nationals May 23-25 in San Angelo, Texas.

Current standings indicate, Central will take four members of the team to nationals; Lawrence, Maier, Strauss and Katie Pruett. Pruett qualified in the javelin.

Those four Wildcats are also nationally ranked competitors. Maier is second in the 1500, fourth in the 3000 and 20th in the 800. Pruett, Strauss and Lawrence are all in the top 20 in their respective events.

On May 11, there is a last chance meet for those who have not qualified for nationals at the University of Washington.

Thumbs up

Rose Shaw, Central women's basketball

On top of being named to the NCAA Div. II Bulletin All-America fourth team, the Daktronics All-West Region first team and was named GNAC player of the year, Shaw was named team MVP during the team's post-season awards banquet. Shaw scored 1,696 points and grabbed 790 rebounds in her career.

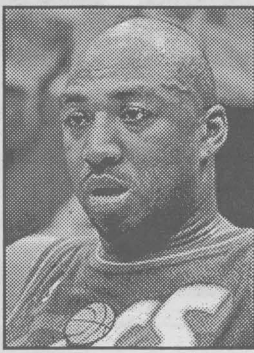


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Thumbs down

Vin Baker, Seattle Sonics

The \$86 million power forward averaged only 9.67 points and 2.67 rebounds in the final three games of a five-game series against San Antonio. Even worse, the "big" man spent much of his time with the much shorter Malik Rose guarding him. Some are now hoping Baker has played his final game as a Sonic.

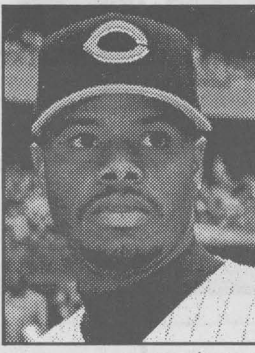


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Ex-Mariner of the week

Ken Griffey Jr., Cincinnati Reds

Junior can't get any respect. A fan poll was taken by a Cincinnati television station asking viewers to vote which Reds outfielder should sit on the bench after the return of the superstar in the next couple of weeks. Surprisingly Griffey received the majority — 74 percent — of the vote.



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Farewell

Curtis Williams, former Husky

Just two days after his 24th birthday, the former Washington safety, who had been paralyzed from the neck down since October 2000, died in his brother David's home in Fresno California Monday night. It is believed that William's body temperature dropped too low for his organs to function. A date for the funeral has not yet been set.



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Pitching earns titles



Matthew McManus
Staff reporter

SODO Mojo is what the Mariner nation calls it. The Seattle Mariners are once again showing the rest of the Major Leagues last year was no joke.

Seattle is a league best, 22-9, through the first month of the season and are proving that attitude, hustle and competitive spirit can compete with anyone, even the hated "Bronx Bombers".

Pitching and defense are the mainstays of the team. Head Coach Lou Piniella has built this team as a reincarnated version of his early '90's Cincinnati Red teams, which won the World Championship in 1990.

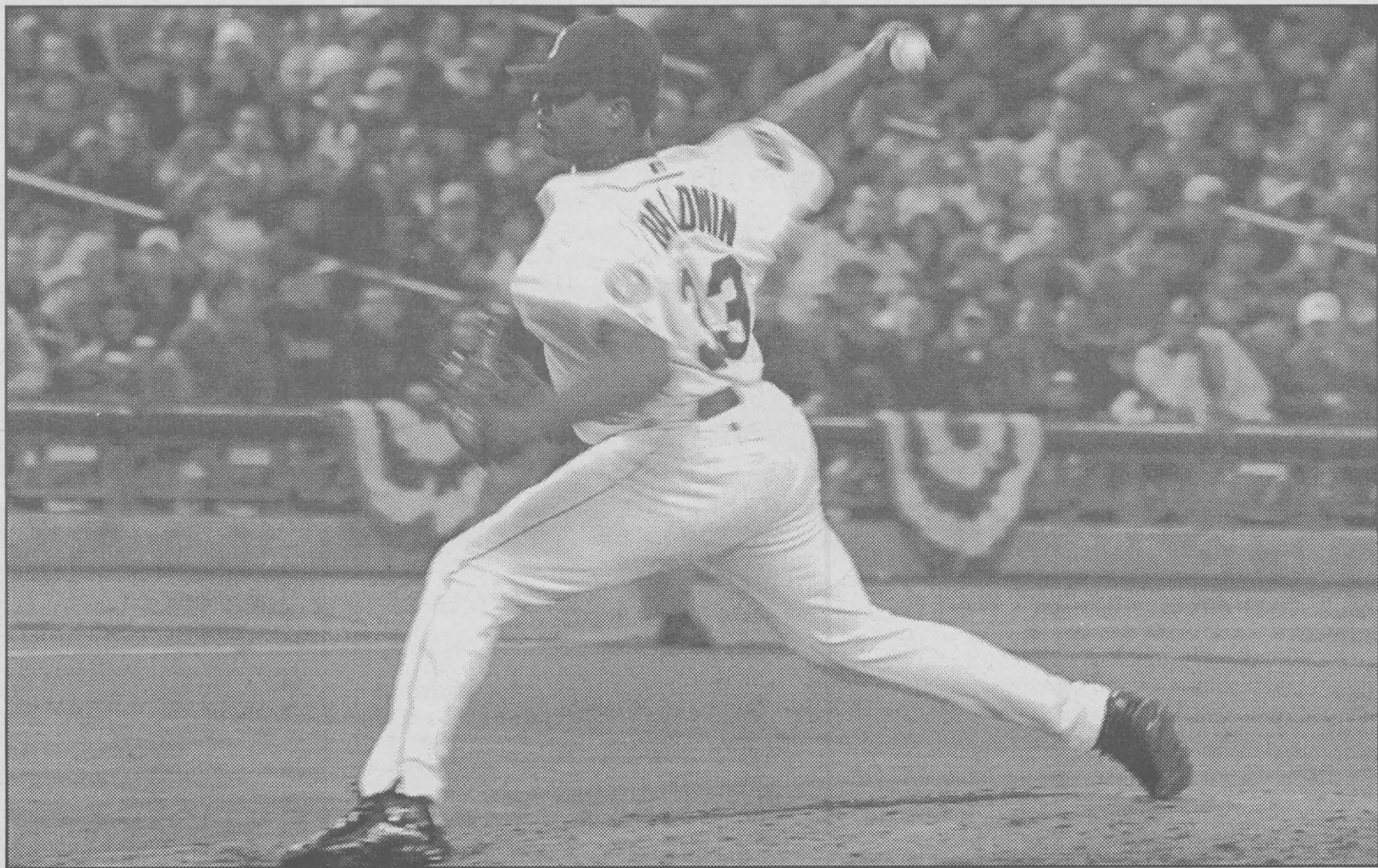
Fans often fall in love with the offensive side of the game. I admit I hunger for Mark McGwire, mammoth type, of homeruns, but in an era where every Barry Bonds or Sammy Sosa homerun is well documented, pitching is what wins.

Today's game is built for the bullpen. Not every team has a true ace like Randy Johnson or Pedro Martinez. Someone who can go out there every fifth day and pitch a complete game. Good starts for today's pitchers are about 5-7 innings. Middle relief is what makes or breaks a team. If your team does not have relief pitching, don't expect to be playing past September.

The Mariners starting pitching was a key component to last years American League West champion team. This year, led by veteran Jamie Moyer, soon-to be ace Freddy Garcia and newly acquired James Baldwin, the Mariners expect to continue their success.

Garcia is looking more and more like a franchise pitcher, with two straight dominating wins over the Yankees. If Freddy can continue his dominance, the Mariners can match up with the Yankees.

The Mariners need to consider going after another top-notch starter that can help them toward a league title. I expect General Manager Pat



Joe Whiteside/Observer

James Baldwin, owner of 3-2 record and 5.40 ERA, was a key addition to the Mariner pitching staff in the offseason.

Gillick to make a deal near the trade deadline. The starting pitchers need to stay healthy and throw strikes, so the bullpen doesn't get over worked during the marathon of a season.

There were only a few additions on the offensive side of the team. Professional hitter Jeff Cirillo was acquired in a trade from the Colorado Rockies and now mans the hot corner.

Last year's Comeback player of the Year, Ruben Sierra has been a blessing. With an early hamstring injury to fan-favorite Edgar Martinez, the Mariners were in need of a hot bat. All Sierra has done is lead the league with the highest batting average.

Utility sensation, Desi Relaford has played outstanding whenever called to action. Ichiro, Bret Boone and Mike Cameron are continuing what they accomplished last year in slaughtering American league pitching.

If the Mariners want to get to the World Series, they will have to go

through the Yankees, who have dismissed the Mariners in each of the last two post seasons. The Oakland Athletics will push the Mariners all year for the divisional title.

awesome and they just signed super slugger Jason Giambi in the off-season. They will be tough to deal with.

The Boston Red Sox have one of the best pitchers in the league, but will that be enough? Behind Pedro Martinez the rest of the staff is a little shaky. Manny Ramirez and Nomar Garciaparra supply their offensive game.

The Minnesota Twins were supposed to be contracted from the Major Leagues last year. Well guess what? They are in first place, scrapping their way through the league. They don't look pretty, but they are getting the job done.

The last team I see that can compete in the AL is the Oakland A's. They lost Giambi, but as a team still have great young starting pitching. The A's took New York to the brink of elimination before bowing out in the fifth game of last year's American League Divisional Series.

The senior circuit has a lot to offer. In The National League East the Mets and Braves will again com-

pete for the title. The Mets have retooled and rebuilt to out-pitch and out-hit its competitors. With the signings of Mo Vaughn, Robby Alomar, Jeremy Burnitz and Pedro Astacio, New York can really compete.

The N.L. Central has arguably the best race, with St. Louis, Houston and Chicago. St. Louis is off to a slow start, but watch out. Head Coach Tony LaRussa is a proven winner. Houston is deep and has a lot of talented pitching and hitting.

Finally, in the N.L. West, San Francisco and Arizona will contend. The Diamondbacks have the two aces, but like Boston nothing is following those guys. Their offense is good, but tends to go into slumps.

San Francisco has "Mr. Homerun," Barry Bonds. The Giants never look that good on paper, but when it comes time to play, skipper Dusty Baker gets the most from what he has and keeps the Giants in contention.

The weather is warming up, Safeco Field is selling out and the Mariners are grinding out victories. The season is only at its beginning, but it's already off to a promising start.

Matt's Picks

American League

West.....Seattle
Central.....Minnesota
East.....New York
Wildcard.....Oakland

National League

West.....San Francisco
Central.....Houston
East.....New York
Wildcard.....St. Louis

World Series

Seattle over St. Louis

Here's what I see for the rest of the league. New York, Boston, Oakland and Minnesota are the cream of the American League. New York has it all except middle relief pitching. Their starting pitching is

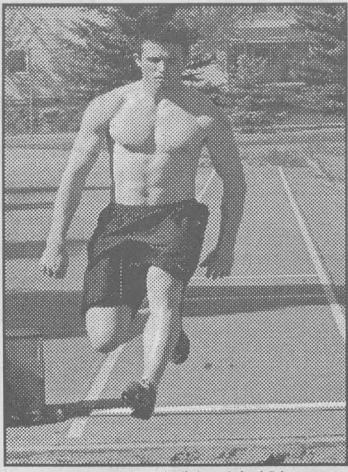
Wildcat Athletes of the Week

Justin Lawrence

Sophomore Justin Lawrence matched his career best and GNAC best in the triple jump (48'6.25") last weekend at Civic Stadium in Bellingham.

He also set records in the long jump, soaring 23'1.75" for a personal and GNAC best.

With the triple jump mark, Lawrence has qualified for nationals but still I'll be an All-American, which is the top eight."



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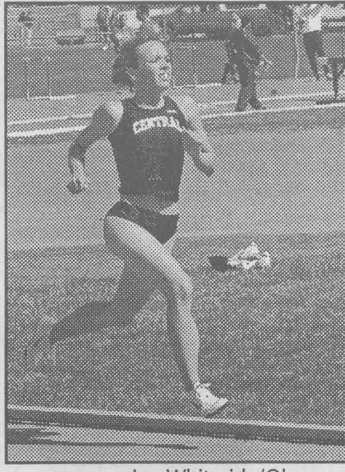
remains a few inches shy of the national qualifying mark in the long jump.

"I'm really excited about qualifying for the triple jump," Lawrence said. "I'm going to try and prove my mark this weekend. I think I'll do really well in nationals. Hopefully,

Alicen Maier

In the inaugural GNAC track and field championship at Civic Stadium in Bellingham, junior Alicen Maier ran away from the competition posting times of 4:31.84 and 10:06.86 in the 1500 and 3000 meters, respectively.

Last year, Maier sat out of national competition with injuries, but this year she is healthy.



Joe Whiteside/Observer

"I'm really excited to go back to nationals again," Maier said. "My body feels really good so I think I can improve my time by a lot."

Maier looks forward to having some teammates join her at nationals in San Angelo, Texas.

"Hopefully the people that are on the bubble will have a good meet this weekend," Maier said.

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Mickey Lloyd

What could possibly be more fulfilling for a pitcher than ending a college career on your home diamond throwing a shutout? According to senior Mickey Lloyd, nothing.

"It's sad because it was my last home

game," Lloyd said. "I was really happy the team played well."

Lloyd blanked Western Oregon University Saturday 4-0 for her third



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shutout of the season.

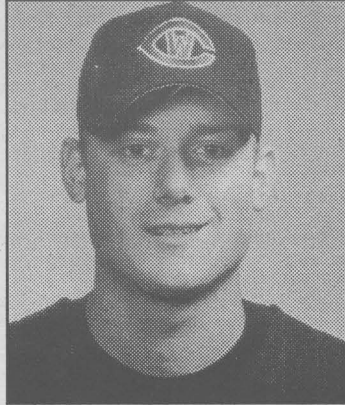
Lloyd hurled seven innings, allowed six hits and no walks, while striking out two. Although she threw the shutout, she gives her teammates much credit.

"I had great defense behind me and that is an awesome feeling," Lloyd said. "It's nice to know you're going to get the out on every pitch you throw."

John Thomas

In his last five games, junior John Thomas batted .625 with five homeruns and 14 RBI. He also had four doubles, scored 13 times, and had 34 total bases in the stint. Thomas made history at Central when he blasted four home-runs last Wednesday against Lewis-Clark State College.

"I felt good that day. It hasn't set



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in that I've accomplished it," Thomas said. "Maybe with time it will."

Thomas is not concerned with the home-runs, he just wants to raise his average.

"Two weeks ago I made a goal to hit .300," Thomas said, "Now that I've done that, I feel more relaxed at the plate. My confidence is pretty high right now."

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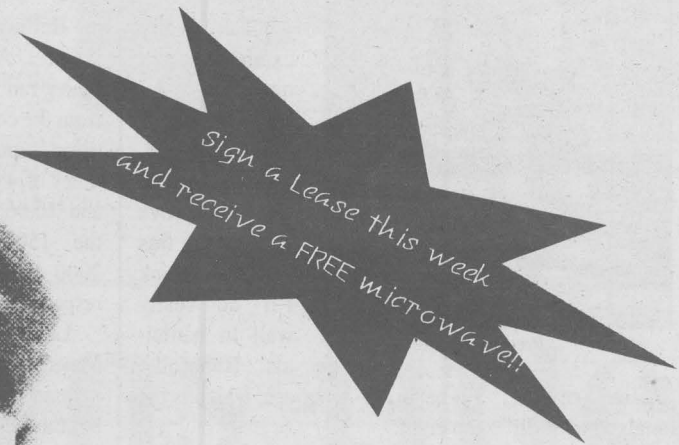
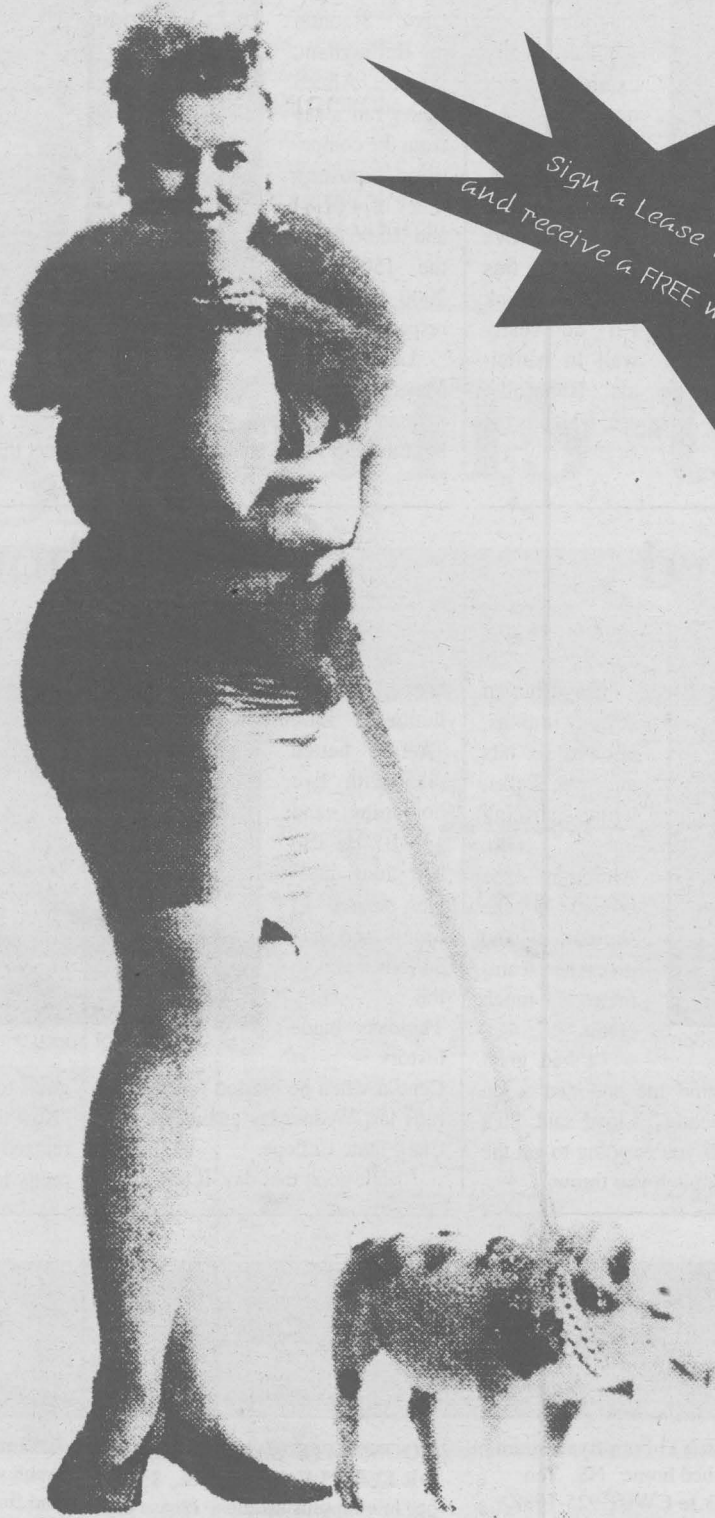
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